

## FAULTS OF CHURCH.

A Sermon Based on Those Complained of by Non-Church Members.

## INSINCERITY AND SELFISHNESS

Given as the Leading Ones and All Are Attributable to the Human Adjunct, and Not to the Church, Which is a Divine Institution, Says Rev. C. M. Oliphant—No Fault With the Church Itself.

A very interesting discourse was delivered at the First Christian church last evening by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Oliphant, on "The Faults of the Church as Seen by Those Outside the Church." The speaker held that the faults complained of were attributable to the church people, and not to the institution itself, which was divine. The sermon was the result of inquiries made by Rev. Mr. Oliphant, by writing letters to many persons in the city, asking them to state what, to them, are the faults of the church.

said Rev. Mr. Oliphant: The purpose of the church is to reflect the light of Christ. She is commissioned to renovate mankind; and to do this she is to be in subjection to Christ. I wish to discuss the faults as seen by those outside the church.

One says: "I have no fault to find with the church." This is a compliment to the church. One man said to me recently: "The church could find fault with me."

There is a distinction to be made between the church which Christ founded and the people in the church. The people fall short. There is a spiritual deadness among too many church people. Often there are dead persons in the pulpit, in charge of the Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, and other departments of the church.

There is too often a lack of sociability in the church's local congregations. Too often there are stragglers from the church. Not a few are not willing to endure the sacrifice required in the consistent Christian life. Yet all this is not an argument against the church itself as an institution.

Another fault mentioned is that there is among church people a want of sincerity. This is true of too many who prefer to follow Christ. The indifference and carelessness, the lack of moral and financial support of the church, the irregular and non-attendance at public services, the assuming of the right to dictate the policy of church work and unwillingness to help the cause among many of the church-goers is full proof that there is in many quarters a want of sincerity. The sincere man, even though he may be mistaken and misguided, who speaks as he thinks, who lives as he professes, who makes good his promises, who is what he would appear to be, is the man who impresses men favorably. They have confidence in him, at least in his sincerity. They believe him to be in earnest. The fact that he talks as though he believes what he says carries weight.

"Want of honesty among many church members." Evading the payment of just debts, professing to be before the world what they are not, lack of truthfulness, carelessness as to the reputation of fellow Christians, are evidences that there is among many a want of honesty.

Many do not want to hear honesty discussed. A slave master, in olden times, said to his chattel, "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, massa, de Lawd do help me powerful sometimes." "Well, Pompey, don't you think the negroes steal little things on the plantation?" "Tee might 'fraid dey does, massa." "Then, Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to the negroes against stealing." After a brief reflection Pompey replied, "You see, massa, dat would never do, 'twould throw such a coldness over de meetin'."

True honesty has regard both for God and man. Religion governs it. He that is not religious is not fully honest. He may be but little better than a mastiff dog; so long as you stroke him he will play with you as kindly as possible; he is a very good moral mastiff, but if you hurt him he will fly in your face. The truly honest man is honest with his neighbor and his God.

Another says that "the church has become a fifty-two day institution seen only in Sunday clothes." It is a fact that there are too many whose business and religious lives do not correspond. Their lives should work together in harmony, the one an inspiration to the other. Too many people use their religion, what little they have, as a piece of cake, when company comes, rather than as a piece of bread, the good substantial bread to sustain and strengthen them. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Another says that "there is a failure to stoutly uphold certain tenets of faith important to the Christian." This is true of many. Many, instead of being governed by Bible truth, "the will of Christ," are controlled by their own selfish desires. Hence, the liberalism among many church people which has been converted into a license to do as one pleases. This is a very irreverent spirit, and shows that the heart and life are not in subjection to the will of the Master. You could find a little infidelity among the professed followers of Christ with the aid of a telescope or magnifying glass.

There are many people, who, instead of looking to the good of the church, look to their own pleasure. Hence they demand that there be prophesied smooth things unto them. This spirit, too strongly developed, lowers the dignity of the Christian religion, and disregards fundamental principles which should be made very plain in pulpit and among church people that the world may know that the religion of the Christ has a firm foundation.

All these faults are really the faults of the people, and not of the church. The church, as an institution, is divine and pure. The people, though members, are human, and liable to err. The people may too often seek their own, and not the things of Christ, may not be in complete subjection to the Christ, and the things that properly belong to His church. And has it ever occurred to you that with all these faults and

even quiet or open rebellion on the part of the people who are inconsistent with the true Christian profession, the church moves on to success and victory? Years ago a vessel was about to sail down the Ohio river. It was with difficulty that the people succeeded in putting an obstinate mule on board, and even after being on board, the mule kicked, and was not satisfied; but the vessel moved beautifully down the stream, mule and all. So the church may have many obstinate elements on board, many whose spirit is not Christian, and cause the outside world to find fault with them, many who are even in a quiet or open rebellion against the King of Kings. Yet the church moves grandly on, in the face of all these hindrances, to victory, and will continue to move victoriously on, conquering sin and winning trophies for our Blessed Lord. She will continue to move on sublimely in all her strength and beauty, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army of banners."

## FAREWELL SERMON

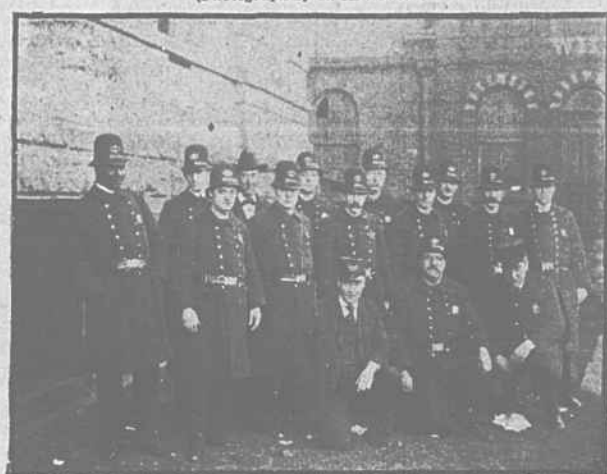
Delivered to Wheeling Lodge B. P. O. Elks by Chaplain Doggett.

Last night, at St. Matthew's P. E. church, a very large congregation attended the special service, under the auspices of Wheeling lodge No. 23, B. P. O. E., the occasion being the farewell sermon by the lodge's chaplain, Rev. Luther W. Doggett, who is soon to leave Wheeling for another field of work in the P. E. church. The members of the lodge attended in a body, occupying seats near the chancel.

Mr. Doggett took as his text the twelfth verse of the twenty-eighth chapter of Genesis: "And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set upon the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven;

## A GROUP OF WHEELING'S FINEST.

(Photograph by R. M. Archer.)



and he beheld the angels of God ascending and descending upon it."

From this text Mr. Doggett preached an able discourse, especially directed to young men, who make up largely the membership of the order. He did not share in certain romantic ideas of piety; his ideal was for a man among men, sharing their business pursuits and recreations. Each should make provision for a ladder long enough to connect them with Heaven and salvation. In this ladder morality is but one of the rungs. There must be a soul connection with God. Through life we must never be far from Him.

## BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

The Republican county committee meets to-night.

The council committee on accounts has been called to meet this evening.

The sudden storm of rain last night about 9 o'clock, proved very disagreeable to the crowds leaving the churches.

Wheeling and Cyrene commanderies of the Knights Templar are preparing to make a good showing at the state convocation, which will open in Fairmont, on May 9.

The Knights of St. George will give a military reception this evening at the Carroll Club auditorium, to be preceded by a one-act farce, entitled, "Who's to Win Him."

Rev. Charles Golder, of Cincinnati, will lecture to-night at the Gorman M. E. church, subject, "The Deaconess' Work in Our Country and Its Necessities." Admission, free.

The Pythian Castle Association is perfecting arrangements for a fair and festival to be given at the Pythian castle all this week, beginning Monday evening and concluding Saturday night.

The Bethel Mission has moved from its Twentieth street quarters to a location on Sixteenth street, opposite the English Lutheran church, and its new title will be the Workingman's Home and Shelter.

The hearing of Riley, Connors and Lynch, arrested on the charge of being accessories to the murder of James Hervey, will take place this morning at 10 o'clock, before Squire Greer, at the county Jail.

The body of the stranger, supposed to be Robert M. Jackson, of Norfolk, Va., who was killed near Glendale, Friday morning, by a Baltimore & Ohio train, was interred in McMechen cemetery yesterday, at the expense of Marshall county, word being received from the authorities at Norfolk, that they did not know the man. From the pa-

pers found on the deceased it is almost certain that his name was as given, but he lived only temporarily at the Virginia city.

The Colored Knights of Pythias paraded the principal streets yesterday afternoon, before winding up at the Wayman M. E. church, where the Knights heard a special sermon by J. H. Watson, of Clarksburg. Gabriel Jackson was chief marshal.

Saturday, before Judge Huges, arguments were heard on the motion of Colonel Arnett for a new trial in the case of the state vs. Mooney and Friday. At the request of Colonel Arnett the decision was withheld; so that he might introduce certain new developments this week.

Early Saturday morning a portion of the Arbenz building, on Twentieth street, collapsed, and Mayor Sweeney and Fire Chief Cline have ordered the razing of the remaining walls. A companion building was burned about a year ago, and both were old landmarks. Both were rented by the Exley-Walkins Company.

## TOPICS OF THE SCHOOLS.

Vacation is over, the schools have been in session two weeks, and the pupils who have their own good at heart are at work again. As one boy expresses it, the eighth year pupils are coming in on the home stretch and the object now is to know who will come in first, who will stand highest when the final test comes. The battle is not always in favor of the strong, nor the race to the swift. Many a plodder through the entire year reaches the goal in much better shape than he who in the beginning starts out swiftly, but lags by the way. The race of the hare and the tortoise, though but a fable has its counterpart in the school lives of many boys and girls. Some one has said that to be born extra bright is as bad for a boy as to be born rich. In the former case, the brightness is depended on to carry the boy through life, and it generally fails. It takes determination and grit to make a success in life in these days of push and

tached to it. All grades of the profession (if profession we can call it), were represented, from the university president to the country school teacher, and so the change of name was wisely made. One thing worthy of mention, and doing so the ability of no one is questioned, i. e., how favorably the teachers engaged in public school work compare with the university and college professors. One thing is certain, the public school workers are abreast of the time in everything that goes to make up the true educator. This is as it should be, for the very best work of teaching ought to be done before the college or the university professor has anything to do with the pupil. There is work for all of us as teachers and it is well for all concerned if each and everyone of us does our work the very best we can. This nation that is now expanding until it soon will have possessions all over the globe, needs wise leaders in the education of the conglomerated mass of peoples until they can be assimilated into a civilization which has for years made us what we are as a nation. It can be done, for the schoolmaster is abroad, and wherever he goes he takes light and knowledge with him. The greatest factor in preparing these peoples for self-government will be the public school.

## THE PEDAGOGUE.

## AMUSEMENTS.

If you enjoy a good, wholesome laugh don't miss seeing Henrietta Crossman when she comes to the Opera House next Wednesday evening with her big success, "One of Our Girls," the comedy that ran for an entire year at the Lyceum Theatre, in New York. Bronson Howard's name is a guarantee that "One of Our Girls" is a clean comedy, and so there is no fear that situations that are so common on the stage to-day will offend those who visit the Opera House to see Miss Crossman and her company. "One of Our Girls" is described as an American play, written by an American for Americans. It tells the story of a young American girl who visits her relatives in France, where, by her ready recklessness to aid her cousin, she involves both in compromising situations that furnish a strong dramatic element. The play is essentially a comedy, but possesses a strong heart interest.

## "The Jolly Little Host."

No better vehicle could have been adapted for presenting Corinne to theatre-goers than "The Jolly Little Host," which will be seen for the first time in this city at the Opera House on Thursday night, April 26, for the reason that it furnishes that clever artist with a part for interpretation that is in perfect accord with her talent. She has for years diligently sought a play that would afford proper scope for her talent for comedy, and Manager Junius Howe, without doubt, filled the bill by the acquisition of "The Jolly Little Host." He has gone further, and provided her, irrespective of monetary consideration, with a supporting company, which, in point of absolute merit easily eclipses any organization with which she has been previously supported, and has staged the play with such lavish generosity that a most perfect production is assured.

## "Why Smith Left Home."

Doubtless every reader of theatrical matter, locally, has found his eyes attracted by that uniquely named farce, "Why Smith Left Home," which will be seen at the Opera House Friday, April 27. The management of this Broadhurst production has taken advantage of the interrogative cognomen, and made all sorts of plays upon it, so that from the infinite variety of sources for reaching the public, the community is well informed that the play is a healthy, clean farce, that is boundless almost in its merit, and which contains the absolute guarantee that it will send even your regular theatre-goers home delighted, after an evening with it. The story is one that naturally arouses anticipation; but just "Why Smith Left Home" must remain unanswered in these lines for the simple reason that the Broadhurst management will allow that question to be answered by the audience, without an intimation in advance from the author or his representative. The company is certainly a splendid one. Theatre-goers at various times have become acquainted with the clever work of B. J. Grinnell, Eugene Redding, C. J. Williams, Frederick Roberts, Gilbert Gardner, Nellie Maskell, Jennie Engle, Lottie Williams Salter, Rose Hubbard, Belle Chamberlain, Lizzie May Ulmer and Charlotte Love. These clever people make up the cast. It is one of the best balanced organizations in the farcical department on the road.

## "Ole Olson."

Ben Hendricks, the successful American actor, is the creator of a new character, which has been added to the American stage personalities and which has come to stay. The Swede in America has been found to possess distinct characteristics, which entitle him to and has gained for him popular favor, whenever he is presented in an acceptable comedy. Ben Hendricks' impersonation embraces "Yon Yonson" and "A Yenuine Yentleman," but in none of these has the public shown so much interest as in the celebrated play "Ole Olson," which, in its present reconstructed form, may be said to contain all the humorous situations needed to portray the Swede at his best. It comes to the Grand Opera House the last half of the week.

## Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by Logan Drug Co., drugist. Guaranteed.

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## PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Leon Friedman spent Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Pete McGinnis, Scio, is a Grand Central register.

Charles McKnight, of St. Mary's, is at the Nichols.

Lee F. Dobbs has returned from a Pittsburgh trip.

Edward Foster was a Sistersville arrival in the city last night.

W. V. Leckey and P. J. Carna, of Wellsburg, spent Sunday in the city.

A. J. Clark and wife, and Charles L. Snodgrass, of Mannington, are at the Windsor.

Frank H. Hanlon, of Barnesville, well known in Wheeling, spent Sunday in the city.

Harry L. Reich, of New Martinsville, and J. L. Allen, of Lima, were among yesterday's guests at the Stamm.

Miss Alice Rice will return to the West Liberty normal school this morning, after a brief visit to her home on the Island.

## Mr. George's Candidacy.

The candidacy of Mr. Samuel George, of Wellsburg, for the Republican nomination in the First senatorial district, is meeting with pronounced favor in his section of Brooke county, and his friends anticipate securing support from Hancock and Ohio counties. One of his supporters, speaking of Mr. George, said to an Intelligencer man:

"We feel that Mr. George is the most popular man in Brooke county to-day and the most deserving of the office to which he aspires. Mr. George would be a faithful attendant at the legislative sessions, and look closely after the interests of his constituents."

## A False Alarm.

At 1 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was rung in from box 58, corner of Twenty-seventh and Market streets, South Side. The department responded promptly, but there was no sign of fire, and it was evident some mischievous persons had turned in the alarm. There is a city ordinance providing a heavy penalty for just this sort of thing, and any person having knowledge of the person who turned this trick is requested to inform Chief Cline, who will prosecute the offender to the full limit.

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## OFFICIAL CALL.

First District Republican Congressional and Delegate Conventions.

The Republican voters of the First Congressional District are hereby notified that a convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the district in the Congress of the United States, to be voted for at the ensuing election, will be held at Weston, W. Va., Wednesday, June 6, 1900, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m.

Also a convention for the purpose of holding two delegates and two alternates to represent the said district in the National Republican Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, Pa., to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President, to be voted for at the ensuing presidential election, will be held at Clarksburg, W. Va., Monday, May 7, 1900, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m.

The basis of representation, to prevent confusion, will be the same as that for the state nominating convention, to-wit: one delegate for every 1000 voters, and one for every fraction of one hundred over fifty.

County committees are requested to provide for the selection of delegates to each of said conventions.

S. G. SMITH, Chairman.

HUGO L. LOOS, Secretary.

## REPUBLICAN CALENDAR.

April 28—Ohio County Primary Election.  
May 7—First Congressional District Delegate Convention, Weston.  
May 8—State Delegate Convention, Fairmont.

June 6—First Congressional District Nominating Convention, Weston.  
July 11—State Nominating Convention, Charleston.

## Republican Primary Election.

The Republican Primary Election will be held on Saturday, April 28, 1900, as follows: In the city districts from 11 to 1 o'clock p. m., and in the country districts from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock p. m.

The following will be elected: Seven (7) delegates to the State Nominating Convention from each of the city districts, and six (6) from each of the country districts.

One candidate for the Board of County Commissioners from each district.

One candidate for School Commissioner from each of the following districts: Madison, Union, Centre, Triadelphia, Liberty and Richland.

Two candidates for School Commissioner from each of the following districts: Washington, Clay, Webster and Ritchie.

One member of the County Executive Committee from each district.

Two candidates for Justice of the Peace from each district.

Two candidates for County Constables from each district.

The following will be as follows: WASHINGTON DISTRICT: Vigilant Engine House, Hose House, Fulton.

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